

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Mark Blasdel, on February 14, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mark Blasdel, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R), Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 180, 2/10/2017

Executive Action: SB 137, SB 150, SB 191

00:00:42 Chairman Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 180

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:59 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 180, Revise laws regarding taxation of certain airlines.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:11 Debbie Alke, Montana Department of Transportation

00:03:32 Mike Petrik, Richland Aviation

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas32a01)

00:08:17 Mark Taylor, Alpine Air

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas32a02)

00:09:21 Bob Gilbert, lobbyist, Montana Aviation Trades Association

00:11:08 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:08 Lee Baerlocher, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:22 Sen. Barrett

00:13:37 Mr. Baerlocher, DOR

00:13:38 Sen. Barrett

00:14:17 Mr. Baerlocher

00:14:31 Sen. Barrett

00:14:55 Mr. Baerlocher

00:15:25 Sen. Barrett

00:15:48 Mr. Baerlocher

00:15:58 Sen. Hoven

00:16:33 Mr. Taylor, Alpine Air

00:17:06 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:17:35 Mr. Baerlocher

00:17:51 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:18:25 Mr. Baerlocher

00:19:02 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:19:22 Mr. Baerlocher

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:46 Sen. Mike Lang

00:20:54 Chairman Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 137

00:22:43 Chairman Blasdel

00:22:48 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SB 137 DO PASS.**

00:22:58 Chairman Blasdel

00:23:30 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SB 137 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tas32a03)

Discussion:

00:23:40 Chairman Blasdel

00:23:57 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:26:16 Chairman Blasdel

00:26:21 Sen. Barrett

00:26:31 Mr. Coles, LSD

00:28:41 Sen. Cohenour

00:29:11 Gene Walborn, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:30:00 Chairman Blasdel

00:30:24 Mr. Walborn, DOR

00:30:37 Sen. Barrett

00:30:49 Mr. Walborn

00:31:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused.

00:31:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SB 137 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 150

00:31:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SB 150 DO PASS.** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 191

00:32:19 **Motion:** Sen. R. Webb moved that **SB 191 DO NOT PASS.**

Discussion:

00:32:30 Sen. Barrett

00:32:45 Chairman Blasdel

00:33:23 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:33:30 Chairman Blasdel

00:34:33 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:34:41 Sen. Webb
00:34:58 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:35:50 Chairman Blasdel

00:36:34 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **SB 191 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion failed 5-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Malek, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Pomnichowski voting aye. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.

00:38:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Malek, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. S. Sales and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy.

Discussion:

00:38:32 Chairman Blasdel
00:38:36 Sen. Barrett
00:39:08 Chairman Blasdel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:58 AM

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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